

BIOGRAPHY FOR KATHLEEN BILLINGSLEY, RN
Chief Deputy Director of Policy and Programs
California Department of Public Health

Kathleen Billingsley was appointed Chief Deputy Director of Policy and Programs, California Department of Public Health (CDPH) in June of 2011. She serves as one of two Chief Deputy Directors in CDPH. Under the administrative direction of the CDPH Director/State Public Health Officer, both Chief Deputy Directors serve as integral components in the formulation of policy to achieve the mission of the department. In addition to serving as a member of the Directorate, the Chief Deputy Director for Policy and Programs is responsible for the direct management of: Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response; Center for Health Statistics and Informatics; Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion; Infectious Diseases; Family Health; Environmental Health and Health Care Quality. In addition, the Chief Deputy Director for Policy and Programs works in close cooperation with the Chief Deputy Director for Operations on operational issues related to these programs.

Kathleen Billingsley became Assistant Executive Officer for Health Policy and Planning for the California Public Employee's Retirement System (CalPERS) in November 2010. She was the senior executive in charge of the administration of health benefits to more than 1.3 million active and retired California public employees and their families. Additionally, Kathleen provided strategic planning and policy direction on critical health care issues to the CalPERS Board. She also was responsible for overseeing the CalPERS Health Plan Administration Division and Health Policy Research Division.

Before coming to CalPERS, Kathleen was Deputy Director of the Center for Health Care Quality at the California Department of Public Health, beginning 2006. Prior to serving in the California Department of Public Health, Kathleen, a registered nurse, was also the senior vice president of operations for Electronic Healthcare Systems from 2000-06, and vice president of health service for Momentum Health Services in 1999 and Health Net from 1987-98.

She received her Nursing Degree from Merritt College in Oakland, and her Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences from UC Berkeley.